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- (U) Sensitive but unclassified please protect accordingly.
- 11. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.
- 12. (U) During the May 1-7, 2009, one security official was killed and another was injured when they stepped on a landmine in Bitlis Province on May 5. The total number of security force casualties for the year through May 7, was 14 killed and 11 injured.
- 13. (U) During the same period, no PKK terrorist was killed or captured. According to official TGS website figures, through the first week of May, the number of PKK militants killed this year was ten, the number of those captured was 19, and the number of those who surrendered was 39.
- 14. (U) During the reporting period no civilian was hurt. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the first week of May, was one killed and five wounded.

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